

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
April 10, 2018**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:17 A.M., on April 10, 2018 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dustin Ross, D.N.P., M.B.A., R.N., N.E.-B.C. - Chairperson  
Laura Cei, B.S., L.P.N., C.C.R.P.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Robin Hills, R.N., D.N.P., W.H.N.P-B.C., C.-M.C., C.N.E.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cynthia Gaines, Adjudication Specialist

**CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:**

**Joanna Hope-Overby, R.N. 0001-230726**

Ms. Hope-Overby appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Nathan Mortier and her spouse, Mr. Overby.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Cei moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:37 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hope-Overby. Additionally, Ms. Cei moved that Dr. Hills and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:55 A.M.

Ms. Cei moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Ms. Cei moved to issue an Order to Dismiss the case against Joanna Hope-Overby due to insufficient evidence of a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of Nursing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Hope-Overby unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Hope-Overby within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Wesley Ortgiesen, R.N. 0001-124696**  
Mr. Ortgiesen appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Cei moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:30 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Ortgiesen. Additionally, Ms. Cei moved that Dr. Hills and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:45 A.M.

Ms. Cei moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Cei moved to issue an Order to require Wesley Ortgiesen to submit to a mental health evaluation by a mental health specialist satisfactory to the Board and have a written report of the evaluation, including a diagnosis, recommended course of therapy, and prognosis sent to the Board within 90 days from the date the Order is entered. Mr. Ortgiesen shall thereafter comply with any recommendations of the specialist, including submission of written quarterly reports, until discharged from therapy. Upon receipt of the evaluation, the Board may request Mr. Ortgiesen to reappear at an informal conference in order to consider the specialist's recommendations and make a final disposition in the matter. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Mr. Ortgiesen unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Ortgiesen within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Melinda Hardy, R.N. 0001-174063**  
Ms. Hardy appeared, accompanied by her daughter, Farrah Edmonds.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Cei moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hardy. Additionally, Ms. Cei moved that Dr. Hills and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:32 P.M.

Ms. Cei moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Cei moved to refer the matter regarding Melinda Hardy to a Formal Hearing of the Board of Nursing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Committee recessed at 12:35 P.M.  
The Committee reconvened at 1:19 P.M.

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Angel Dunaway, R.N. 0001-154838**

Ms. Dunaway appeared accompanied by her friend, Mark Eberly, as her witness.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Cei moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:58 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dunaway. Additionally, Ms. Cei moved that Dr. Hills and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:07 P.M.

Ms. Cei moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Cei moved to refer the matter regarding Angell Dunaway to a Formal Hearing of the Board of Nursing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 2:10 P.M.



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Robin Hills, D.N.P., W.H.N.P., R.N.  
Deputy Executive Director